

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A golf club grip configured for operable engagement with a golf club shaft, said grip comprising:
5 a hollow tapered body having a first open end and a second substantially closed end defining a body length therebetween, and a front surface and a generally opposed rear surface, and first and second side surfaces
10 respectively extending between and connecting said front and rear surfaces, said body being specifically adapted to be mounted on such golf club shaft by operably inserting the shaft into said open end of said body such that said front surface is disposed generally away from the user and toward
15 a golf ball striking portion of the golf club when the club is used in typical fashion, said front surface being generally planar and said side surfaces being radiused, said body having a width dimension and a depth dimension, the depth dimension being defined between said front and rear
20 surfaces, and the width dimension being defined between respective outer extents of said first and second side surfaces, said body including an upper portion, an intermediate portion, and a lower portion, said upper, intermediate, and lower portions, in combination, extending
25 throughout said body length, with said upper and intermediate portions, in combination, extending at least 60% of said body length from said second end, at least said upper and intermediate portions having a width dimension to depth dimension ratio of at least 1.1:1.
30 2. A golf club grip as in Claim 1 wherein said rear surface is substantially planar.

3. A golf club grip as in Claim 2 wherein respective planes defined by said front and rear surfaces are substantially parallel to one another.

4. A golf club grip as in Claim 1 wherein said upper portion has a tapered width profile, such that a width to depth ratio of said upper portion increases between a first inflection point at an intersection between said upper portion and said intermediate portion, and said second end from about 1.1:1 to about 2.5:1.

5. A golf club grip as in Claim 1 wherein the width to depth ratio of said tapered body increases from a second inflection point at an intersection between said lower portion and said intermediate portion, to said second end.

6. A golf club grip as in Claim 1 being particularly adapted for use with a golf putter.

7. In combination with a golf club having a golf ball striking portion secured to a golf club shaft, a golf club grip, comprising:

a hollow, tapered body having a first open end and
20 a second substantially closed end, a front surface and a generally opposed rear surface, and first and second side surfaces respectively extending between and connecting said front and rear surfaces, said front and rear surfaces being generally planar, and said side surfaces being radiused,
25 said body being specifically adapted to be mounted on such golf club shaft by operably inserting the shaft into said open end of said body such that said front surface is disposed generally away from the user and toward the golf ball striking portion when the club is used in typical
30 fashion.